

CHAPTER 3

AIGUILLETES, SHOULDER DEVICES, RIFLE, SWORDS AND SASHES

Introduction

1. This chapter prescribes the size, position and manner of wearing aiguillettes, shoulder devices, rifle, swords and sashes, the appointments authorised to wear these accoutrements and the occasions when they are to be worn by members of the PAF and Air Force Reserve. Members and other personnel entitled to wear any of these accoutrements are to wear them in accordance with this chapter.

AIGUILLETES

Appointments Authorised to Wear Aiguillettes

2. Those officers entitled to wear aiguillettes are listed at Annex A. Aiguillettes may be worn on the following orders of dress:

a. *Officers of Air Rank*

- (1) Ceremonial Dress - Dress No 2A, 4A,
- (2) Mess Dress - Dress No 5A, 5B and 5C; and
- (3) Tropical Dress (Safari Suit) - Dress No 6.

b. *Officers other than Air Rank*

- (1) Service Dress (Cool Weather) - Dress No 1A, 1B and 1C;
- (2) Ceremonial Dress - Dress No 2A, 2B, 4A, 4B and 4C;
- (3) Ceremonial Dress (Attache) - Dress No 3;
- (4) Mess Dress - Dress No 5A, and 5C; and
- (5) Tropical Dress (Safari Suit) - Dress No 6D1.

3. Officers entitled to wear aiguillettes are to wear them on the following occasions:

- a. *Officers of Two Star Rank.*** When officially representing CAF at ceremonial events and acting as the reviewing Officer, Host Officer or Air Force representative at ceremonial events, and
- b. *Staff Officers, Escort Officers and ADCs to CDF, CAF, ACAUST and COMTRG-AF.*** When attending upon the respective senior officer in an official capacity and the wearing of aiguillettes is appropriate for the occasion.

4. Officers holding appointments of Honorary Aide-de-Camp, Physician, Surgeon and Dental Surgeon to the Governor-General are to wear aiguillettes:

- a.** at Royal or Vice-Regal functions;
- b.** when in the presence of the Governor-General;
- c.** when representing the Governor-General, unless otherwise ordered;
- d.** when on duty; and

- e. on other formal or public occasions as required by the Governor-General.

5. Aiguillettes are not to be worn with greatcoats, overcoats, raincoats, sweaters, utility jackets or cardigans.

Manner of Wearing Aiguillettes

6. When worn by officers, the aiguillette is to be attached to the appropriate shoulder of the tunic, jacket or shirt by means of a tight loop (becket) sewn onto the uniform, centrally on the shoulder, 20 mm from the outside seam. With Service Dress uniform patterns, the loop of the aiguillette from which the tags are suspended is to be fastened to a hook or button sewn under the lapel of the tunic, jacket or button of the shirt so that no part of the aiguillette is obscured and tags fall in line with the inner seam of the appropriate breast pocket. The position of the aiguillette and tags on female officer uniforms is to be on the same alignment as for male officer uniforms.

7. With Dress Nos 3 and 6D1, the aiguillette is to be attached to the shoulder of the jacket in the same manner as for Dress No 1A. The loop of the aiguillette from which the tags are suspended is to be attached to the second button of the Dress No 3 jacket or the top button of the Dress No 6D1 jacket, so that the tags fall slightly to one side of the buttons.

8. With Dress Nos 5A, the aiguillette is to be similarly attached to the shoulder and the loop from which the tags are suspended is to be fastened to an attachment sewn behind the join of the collar and lapel, so that the upper part of the cord and the tags fall over the front of the lapel as illustrated at Annex B. The attachment hook or button is to be located so as to ensure that the lapel does not obscure the aiguillette. So that the weight of the aiguillette does not distort the lapel or collar, the aiguillette loop may be suspended from a strap or similar device attached beneath the collar at or above shoulder line.

9. Ideally, the length of the longer cord (plait) should be such that the lower edge of the cord under the arm is approximately in line with the second bottom button of the tunic or shirt and in line with the middle button of the jacket with Dress Nos 5A. However, as only one size aiguillette is available from stores, the exact position of the lower edge of the cord under the arm will vary depending on the build of the wearer.

10. Miniaturised lightweight versions of the aiguillette are available for female officers for wear with all Service Dress patterns.

SHOULDER DEVICES

Appointments Authorised to Wear Shoulder Devices

11. Entitled officers, as listed at Annex A, are to wear shoulder devices with all versions of Service Dress in accordance with the instructions detailed in the following paragraphs and in the manner illustrated at Annex B.

12. The shoulder device is a gilt Royal Cypher surmounted by a Crown. The following three sizes of the Royal Cypher have been approved:

- a. The large Cypher (32 mm square, including the fixed Crown) is worn by officers holding an appointment to the Sovereign, as listed at Serial 1 of Annex A, with all versions of Service Dress Nos 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6D1 (including the greatcoat and overcoat).
- b. The small Cypher (24 mm square including the fixed Crown), is worn with Dress Nos 5A and 5B by officers holding an appointment to the Sovereign, as listed at Serial 1 of Annex A.
- c. The miniature Cypher (22 mm high and 19 mm wide including the fixed Crown) is worn by all entitled officers who have formerly held an appointment of Personal or Air Aide-de-Camp to the Sovereign (refer paragraph 14).

13. With dress Nos 1A, 2A, 2B and 4A, the device is worn on both shoulders of the tunic on soft straps manufactured out of the same blue-grey material as the uniform. The straps are sewn into the shoulder seams of the tunic and affixed at the top of the shoulder by a small gilt badge. The Royal Cypher, in any of the three sizes, is to be positioned centrally on the strap with the bottom of the Cypher 25 mm from the shoulder seam. The Cypher is

surmounted centrally by the Crown, which is positioned 6 mm above the top of the Cypher. When the tunic is not worn, the device is to be worn on the rank slides, superimposed on the lowest rows of rank braid with the bottom of the Cypher level with the bottom of the lowest (outer) row of rank braid. With Dress Nos 3, 5A and 5B, the device is worn on the shoulder boards, superimposed on the lowest rows of gold lace rank braid.

14. An officer who has held the appointment of Personal Aide-de-Camp to the Sovereign during more than one reign should wear the Royal Cypher of each Sovereign so served and should continue to wear them in the miniature size after relinquishing the appointment. All other officers entitled to wear the Royal Cypher are to wear the Cypher of the reigning Sovereign only, but an Air Aide-de-Camp may, on relinquishing the appointment, wear the miniature size Cypher of each Sovereign served. The Royal Cypher of the reigning Sovereign is to be worn above any other Royal Cypher. With the exception of Personal and Air Aides-de-Camp, Royal Cyphers are not to be worn after the appointment is relinquished.

15. An officer appointed as Equerry to His Royal Highness Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh, or to another member of the Royal Family, is to wear the appropriate Cypher authorised and notified at the time of appointment by Air Force Headquarters (DCOORD-AF). The Cypher is only worn for the duration of the appointment.

RIFLES

16. The Steyr F88 is carried by FSGTs and below as parade participants on the following ceremonial occasions:

- a.** ceremonial parade,
- b.** guard of honour, and
- c.** state or Service funeral (only by members of the funeral guard of honour).

17. A white ceremonial sling is fitted to the rifle and a white webbing belt is worn by the member.

SWORDS

Occasions When Swords are Worn

18. Swords and slings complete are worn by officers, warrant officers and officer cadets as follows:

- a.** at State and other ceremonial occasions, by officers attending upon the Sovereign or the Sovereign's representative;
- b.** on ceremonial parades when attending as a reviewing officer, host officer, or as a parade participant, and at a State or Tri-Service ceremonial parade when attending as an official guest, (note that when the parade warrant officer is a WOD, a pace stick is substituted for the sword);
- c.** as a member of an official ceremonial party at Anzac Day or Remembrance Day services (or a similar ceremony) at a National Memorial, State Cenotaph or Shrine;
- d.** by officer cadets filling executive appointments on graduation parades; and
- e.** at Service weddings with the approval of the member's CO.

Swords are not worn at investitures, and are not normally worn as a guest at other parades.

Appointments Authorised to Wear Swords

19. Officers of air rank are entitled to the personal issue of an air officer's sword set for the duration of their RAAF appointment. In addition, officers of the rank of Air Vice-Marshal and above may retain these items on retirement.

20. Officers holding the following appointments are entitled to the personal issue of an officer's sword set (or sword and slings complete) for the duration of their appointment:

- a. Aide-de-Camp to the Sovereign;
- b. Aide-de-Camp or Honorary Aide-de-Camp to the Governor-General;
- c. Aide-de-Camp or Honorary Aide-de-Camp to a State Governor;
- d. Honorary Air Commodores of auxiliary squadrons;
- e. Staff Officer Operations, Staff Officer Administration and Aide-de-Camp to the Chief of the Defence Force;
- f. Staff Officer to the Vice Chief of the Defence Force;
- g. Staff Officer and Aide-de-Camp to the Chief of Air Force;
- h. Staff Officer and Aide-de-Camp to the Air Commander Australia;
- i. Staff Officer and Aide-de-Camp to the Air Officer Support Command Australia (Air Force);
- j. Staff Officer and Aide-de-Camp to the Air Officer, Commander Training Air Force;
- k. Staff Officers to members of the Chief of Air Force Advisory Committee;
- l. Commanding Officer of a RAAF Band; and
- m. Other appointments authorised by Air Force Headquarters (DCOORD-AF).
- n. RAAF officers serving as Australian Defence Representatives abroad; and
- o. RAAF officers serving as Air or Defence Attaches/Advisers and Assistant Air or Defence Attache/Advisors.

21. Swords and slings complete for use on ceremonial occasions by other officers, warrant officers and officer cadets are held on unit AIU accounts. When required, these items are provided on temporary issue to the members and should be returned immediately after the performance of the duty has ceased. The unit equipment officer is responsible for ensuring that these items are maintained in good condition.

Manner of Wearing Swords and Slings

22. Officers, warrant officers and officer cadets are to wear swords, hook straps and slings on those occasions and in the manner as follows:

- a. **Reviewing Officers.** Reviewing officers are to wear the sword hooked at all times, except when travelling in a vehicle.
- b. **Host Officers.** Host officers are to wear the sword hooked at all times, except when travelling in a vehicle.
- c. **Parade Participants.** Officers, warrant officers and officer cadets are to wear the sword hooked at all times.
- d. **Official Guests.** Officers, warrant officers and officer cadets when attending a ceremonial occasion in an official capacity are to wear the sword hooked at all times, except when seated.
- e. **Position of Slings (with SD Tunic).** The front sling and hook strap are inserted through a vent under the left pocket flap and attached to the trouser belt. The front sling and hook are then attached to the upper ring of the scabbard. The rear sling is attached to the trouser belt, on the right side of the rear centre trouser belt loop. The rear sling is then attached to the lower ring of the scabbard (refer to Annex C).

- f. **Position of Slings (without Tunic).** The hook strap is attached to the trouser belt in line with the trouser left leg seam. The front sling is attached to the trouser belt in front of the second belt loop, next to the hook strap. The front sling and hook are then attached to the upper ring of the scabbard. The rear sling is attached to the trouser belt as described at sub-paragraph 22 (e).
- g. **The Wearing of Slings.** Where officers, warrant officers or officer cadets are to attend a function immediately following a ceremonial parade, the sword is to be unclipped and the slings are to be worn clipped together. Slings may be worn in this manner in Service messes or wardrooms.
- h. **Formal Occasions.** The wearing of a sword at Regal or Vice-Regal functions by honours recipients and guests is not permitted. The Governor-General or State Governor will advise guests on the correct form of dress to be worn. Senior officers attending a Regal or Vice-Regal ceremony in an official capacity will be advised by the Secretary on the appropriateness of wearing a sword. When worn, the sword is to be hooked at all times, except when seated.

Sword Knot

23. The sword knot is part of the sword and must be attached to the guard at all times. The acorn of the knot is not to hang freely from the guard but is to be hauled up tightly against the guard.

CEREMONIAL SASHES

The Ceremonial Gold Sash

24. The ceremonial gold sash is worn as part of Dress Nos 2A, and 3 by serving PAF officers of the rank of AVM and above. Generally, the sash is worn only when the sword is worn; however, on certain specific occasions it may be worn without the sword (eg, attendance at an investiture). While it may be worn without the sword, the sash is not worn unless insignia of orders, decorations and medals, and aiguilletes (if entitled) are worn (except for attendance at investitures as a recipient, when medals and insignia are not worn).
25. The ceremonial gold sash is worn so that the centre of the buckle is in line with the left outer trouser seam, with the sash positioned immediately below the third button of the tunic. The sash is positioned with the gold tassels on the wearer's left hip.

The Ceremonial Shoulder Sash



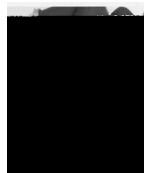

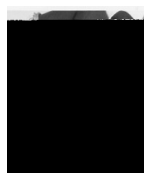
26. The RAAF light-blue sash is to be worn on ceremonial parades by Colour warrant officers and SNCO Colour Escorts. Where officer cadets or NCO cadets fill similar parade appointments or positions, they are also to wear the sash.
27. The sash is worn over the right shoulder diagonally across the body with the tassel over the left hip. Where a uniform has epaulettes, the sash is to be worn under the epaulette. On uniforms without epaulettes, the sash is to be pinned to the shoulder of the tunic. When a white webbing belt is worn, the front of the sash is worn under the belt and the rear of the sash is worn over the belt.

Annexes:

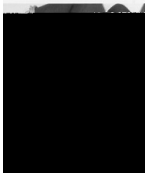
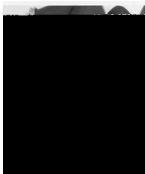
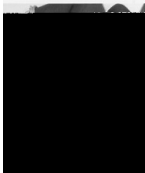
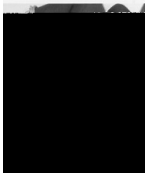

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- B. Aiguilletes and Devices
- C. The Sword

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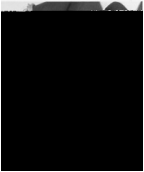
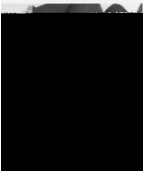


INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE WEARING OF AIGUILLETTES AND SHOULDER DEVICES

Serial No	Appointment	Aiguillette	Shoulder Device	Position
1a.	Personal Aide-de-Camp to the Sovereign;	Gold seven line orris cord with gilt Crown and Royal Cypher on tags	Gilt Crown and Royal Cypher	<p>(1) Aiguillette worn on right shoulder.</p>  <p>(2) Shoulder devices worn on both shoulders.</p>
1b.	Air Aide-de-Camp to the Sovereign;	As above.	As above.	<p>As above.</p> 
1c.	Honorary Aide-de-Camp to the Sovereign; and	As above.	As above.	<p>As above.</p> 
1d.	Equerry and Extra Equerry to the Sovereign.	As above.	As above.	<p>As above.</p> 
2.	Equerry to members of the Royal Family other than the Sovereign.	Gold seven line orris cord with no device on tags.	If applicable, appropriate Cypher will be advised at time of appointment.	<p>(1) Aiguillette worn on right shoulder.</p>  <p>(2) Shoulder devices, if applicable, worn on both shoulders.</p>

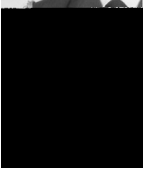
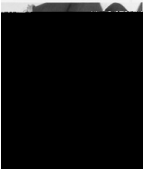
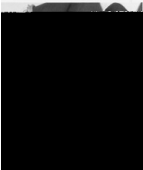

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Serial No	Appointment	Aiguillette	Shoulder Device	Position
3.	Marshal of the RAAF (retained for life after retirement).	Blue and gold seven line orris cord with gilt Eagle and Crown on tags.	No device	Aiguillette worn on right shoulder. 
4a.	Chief of the Defence Force (CDF), when a RAAF officer holds the appointment;	Blue and gold seven line orris cord with silver Eagle and Crown on tags.	No device.	Aiguillette worn on right shoulder. 
4b.	Vice Chief of the Defence Force (VCDF), when a RAAF officer holds the appointment;	Blue and gold seven line orris cord with silver Eagle and Crown on tags.	No device.	Aiguillette worn on right shoulder. 
4c.	Chief of Air Force (CAF);	Blue and gold seven line orris cord with silver Eagle and Crown on tags.	No device.	Aiguillette worn on right shoulder. 
4d.	Air Commander Australia (ACAUST);	Blue and gold seven line orris cord with silver Eagle and Crown on tags.	No device.	Aiguillette worn on right shoulder. 

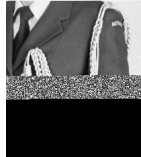
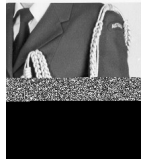
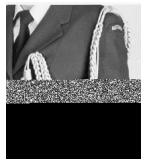

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4e.	COMTRG-AF	Blue and gold seven line orris cord with silver Eagle and Crown on tags.	No device.	Aiguillette worn on right shoulder 
4f.	Honorary Air Commodores of Auxiliary Squadrons.	Blue and gold seven line orris cord with silver Eagle and Crown on tags.	No device.	Aiguillette worn on right shoulder. 
4g.	All officer of two star rank and above when a. officially representing CAF at ceremonial events, and b. acting as the reviewing officer, host officer or Air Force representative at ceremonial events.	Blue and gold seven line orris cord with silver Eagle and Crown on tags.	No device.	Aiguillette worn on right shoulder. 
5a.	Honorary Aide-de-Camp, Physician, Surgeon and Dental Surgeon to the Governor-General; and	Gold seven line orris cord with no device on tags.	No device.	Aiguillette worn on right shoulder. 

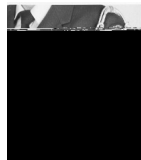
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5b.	Aide-de-Camp to visiting Heads of State.	Gold seven line orris cord with no device on tags	No device.	Aiguillette worn on right shoulder. 
6a.	Aide-de-Camp to the Governor-General	Blue and gold seven line orris cord with no device on tags.	No device	Aiguillette worn on right shoulder 
6b.	Aide-de-Camp to State Governor.	Blue and gold seven line orris cord with no device on tags.	No device.	Aiguillette worn on right shoulder. 
7a.	Staff Officers to CDF, CAF, ACAUST and COMTRG-AF.	Blue and gold seven line orris cord with no device on tags.	No device.	Aiguillette worn on left shoulder. 

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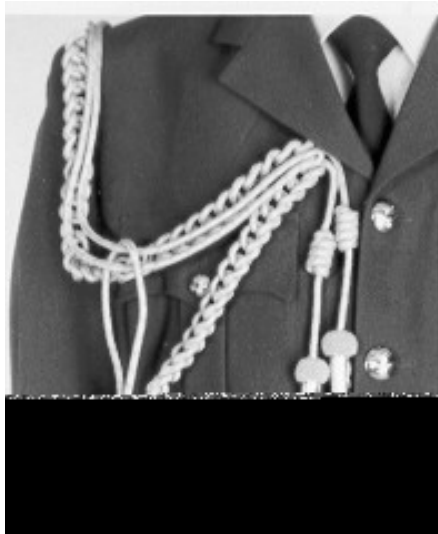
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7b.	An officer filling a formally designated ADC position in the ADF	Blue and gold seven line orris cord with no device on tags.	No device.	Aiguillette worn on left shoulder. 
7c.	Escort officers to Minister for Defence and Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence	Blue and gold seven line orris cord with no device on tags.	No device.	Aiguillette worn on left shoulder. 
8.	Officers appointed as escort officers to foreign officers, officials or dignitaries of the equivalent rank or status of AIRMSHL or above, or as determined by CAF.	Blue and gold seven line orris cord with no device on tags.	No device.	Aiguillette worn on left shoulder 
9.	Officers acting in the position of CAF, ACAUST and COMTRG-AF on those occasions when the wearing of aiguilletes is required.	Blue and gold seven line orris cord with silver Eagle and Crown on tags.	No device.	Aiguillette worn on right shoulder. 

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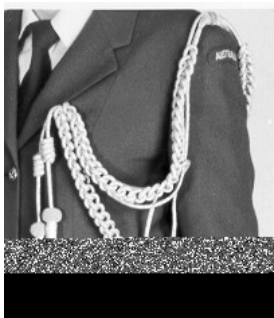
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10.	Defence Attache, Air Attache, Adviser.	Blue and gold seven line orris cord with silver Eagle and Crown on tags.	No device.	Aiguillette worn on left shoulder. 

AIGUILLETES AND DEVICES

AIGUILLETTE –AVM AND ABOVE, AND CAFAC MEMBERS



AIGUILLETTE – OFFICERS (AIRCDRE AND BELOW)



SHOULDER DEVICE



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THE SWORD

DRESS NOS 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 4A, 6B (POSITION OF SLINGS)



POSITION OF SWORD



TYING THE SWORD KNOT



SWORD



STEP ONE



STEP TWO



STEP THREE



STEP FOUR



STEP FIVE



STEP SIX



STEP SEVEN



STEP EIGHT



STEP NINE



STEP TEN



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